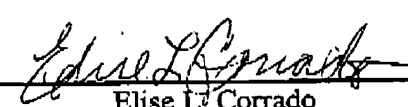


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**AMENDMENT B**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Amendment B, responsive to the Final Office Action—  
Date Mailed: December 03, 2003, Paper No. 6, for which a response is due March 03, 2004 by a  
shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office  
Action.

Claims 21-52, 54-67, 82-86 and 89-91 are currently pending in the application. Claims  
21-52, 54-67, 82-86 and 89-91 are rejected.

By this Amendment, the Specification has been amended. A Substitute, New Declaration  
for Utility Patent Application (37 CFR §1.63) is herewith filed. Applicants wish to thank  
Supervisory Patent Examiner Hassan Kizou for his telephone conference with Applicants'  
Attorney on February 12, 2004.

This response is accompanied by the appropriate fee transmittal authorizing the  
Commissioner to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of  
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the Substitute, New Declaration (attached herewith) is due and paid via said fee transmittal form.  
All bases of objection and rejection are hereby overcome. Reconsideration is respectfully  
requested.